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Moving Bills Forward for Rhode Island



Dear Friends,

Partisan disagreements often dominate the headlines, but last month saw two of my legislative priorities advance through both chambers of Congress with bipartisan support. My [bill to modernize agriculture education](#) was signed into law by President Trump, and my [bill to add new protections for several South County rivers](#) is awaiting his signature.

I introduced the *National FFA Organization's Federal Charter Amendments Act* with Rep. Glenn 'GT' Thompson from Pennsylvania, my fellow co-chair of the [Congressional Career and Technical Education \(CTE\) Caucus](#). Rep. Thompson and I are committed to advancing policies to ensure our education system equips students with the skills necessary for careers in the 21st Century economy. This latest bill makes key updates to the FFA (formerly Future Farmers of America) charter so schools in Rhode Island and across the nation can better prepare the next generation of farmers, scientists, small business owners, and agricultural

Join the Conversation:



Save The Date

LUNCH WITH LANGEVIN

Share your thoughts, concerns, and experiences in an informal setting while enjoying some pizza!
March 23, 12:30-2:30pm
Filipou's Twisted Pizza
450 Main St
East Greenwich

Did You Know...?

KEEPING CYBER SECURE

Rep. Langevin is hosting an informational event on March 18 with the Rhode Island State Police and the State Cybersecurity Officer to share tips for staying safe online. >>

FAST FACT

Rhode Island was one of 12 states to earn a top ranking in the State of Babies Yearbook: 2019. >>

In Other News

WHIPPING VOTES

leaders. On February 21, the President signed the bill into law.

Designating the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed as "Wild and Scenic" has been a priority over the past several years for many residents of South County. In 2010, I introduced [legislation to initiate a study](#) to determine whether portions of the watershed qualified for the designation. Since then, local advocates and stakeholders have worked tirelessly to lay the groundwork to make this stunning natural resource Rhode Island's first entrant to the Wild and Scenic National Rivers System. Now, the *Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Wild and Scenic River Act* has passed the House and Senate as part of a broader, bipartisan public lands package. Once the designation is final, the state will have access to additional federal funding for conservation and stewardship efforts to ensure the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed is preserved for future generations.

I am proud of both of these bills, and I look forward to continuing to promote legislation that benefits Rhode Island. For more information on my legislative priorities, and for updates on many other topics, please visit [my website](#) and follow me on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).

Sincerely,

Jim Langevin



Medicare For All

I was proud to join Rep. Pramila Jayapal from Washington State, Rep. Debbie Dingell from Michigan, and other House colleagues to introduce our new [Medicare for All Act of 2019](#).

For the first time, it also includes expanded long-term services and supports for people with disabilities. No one should be forced to choose between working or living with dignity and independence.



Preserving Checks and Balances

I voted in favor of a [resolution to cancel President Trump's border emergency declaration](#). The recently passed government funding bill includes much-needed investments in border security, including personnel and surveillance technologies, that actually make a difference. The President should not attempt to circumvent Congress's

Rep. Langevin was appointed to serve as a Senior Whip for the 116th Congress. >>

PROTECTING ADOPTED CHILDREN

Rep. Langevin and Rep. Don Bacon introduced the Safe Home Act, bipartisan legislation to combat unregulated custody transfers, or "rehoming," of adopted children. >>

BACKGROUND CHECKS

Rep. Langevin voted in favor of the Bipartisan Background Check Act, which will finally require background checks on every gun sale made in America. >>

PEACE IN YEMEN

Rep. Langevin supported a resolution calling for an end to United States military support for the Saudi Arabia-led war in Yemen. >>

REACHING ENGLISH LEARNERS

Rep. Langevin introduced legislation to strengthen education for the English learning student population, which is growing quickly in Rhode Island. >>

BOOMING BUSINESS

Rep. Langevin met with employees at Sonya's Clothing in Cranston during a tour of the growing retail establishment, which has benefitted from federal small business loan programs. >>

ACCESSIBLE EXERCISE

Rep. Langevin joined officials at the South County YMCA to celebrate the installation of their new FES Bike, exercise equipment designed to help

power of the purse by declaring a national
emergency.

people with paralysis
strengthen their leg
muscles. >>

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